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[REDACTED]
THE FOLLOWING IS FROM [REDACTED]

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1. THE DIRECTOR [REDACTED] REGRETS THAT FOR MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL CAREER CONSIDERATIONS WE CANNOT EXTEND [REDACTED] AND EXPECT HIM TO DEPART [REDACTED] IN MAY AS PLANNED. [REDACTED] EQUALLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING CHICOM ROAD AND [REDACTED] REPLACEMENT, [REDACTED] WILL BE FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ROAD AND ALSO CAPABLE OF HANDLING THIS ASSIGNMENT UPON ARRIVAL [REDACTED]

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2. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT FOR OUR SELECTION TO REPLACE [REDACTED] AS BRANCH CHIEF. IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR CONCERN FOR RETAINING KNOWLEDGEABLE LEADERSHIP AT THIS CRITICAL TIME, WE PROPOSE TO EXTEND [REDACTED] TOUR FOR FIVE MONTHS UNTIL 30 OCTOBER 1971. EXTENDING [REDACTED] WILL ENABLE US TO GET HIS REPLACEMENT THERE IN TIME FOR SUBSTANTIAL OVERLAP.

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